**Spread of Leptospyrosis**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Leptospyrosis is wide spread in certain parts of the country particularly the district like Shimoga in Karnataka since many years;

(b) whether Government have thought of any remedial action; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Leptospirosis is prevalent in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and A&N. Islands. Cases of Leptospirosis have been reported from Shimoga district of Karnataka since 2002. Following measures are taken by Government of India through National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi covering all parts of the country including the State of Karnataka:-

1. Physicians have been sensitized in affected States.
2. The NICD has the diagnostic facilities for the diagnosis of Leptospirosis. It provides diagnostic support for the same to various institutions.
3. NICD provides investigative support to outbreak of leptospirosis in any part of the country wherever asked/required to do so.
4. To create awareness about the disease, an issue of 'CD-Alert' covering aspects of leptospirosis including prevention and control is circulated to all the concerned health authorities in different States and Union Territories.
5. National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases is being implemented in 101 districts of the country. Surveillance of leptospirosis is one of the diseases covered in this programme.